

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 || EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Worship at



fall 2026 sermon series

MORE *to* YOUR STORY

based on the book by MAX LUCADO



hear a voice
you can trust

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9.27.26 || EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST || BANNER #24 "JUST SHALL LIVE"

PRELUDE & BELL	Milianna Carlson
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Andrew
PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Andrew
OPENING HYMN	<i>#630 What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>
GREETING	Pastor Andrew
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG	<i>I Am the Church</i>
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Allison
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Branch Whipple, Hyla Hill
<i>Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 9:1-8; John 14:1-14</i>	
BAPTISM OF ISLA MARIE JOHNSON	
Parents: Tanner & Brianna Johnson	
Sponsors: Tayte Johnson, Teagan Johnson, Tessa Johnson, Ashley Johnson	
OFFERTORY	<i>#678 We Are An Offering</i>
MESSAGE	Grant Severson
<i>More To Your Story: Hear a Voice You Can Trust</i>	
WORSHIP SONGS	<i>Come Jesus Come//My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>
CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER	
BENEDICTION & SENDING	Pastor Allison
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Living Hope</i>
POSTLUDE	Milianna Carlson

CHURCH & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Welcome to worship at Immanuel! This is the Lord's house. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of us all.

Today is Student Serve Sunday! About once a month, one of our Sunday School classes helps serve in worship. It's a joyful way for students to grow in faith, serve alongside their families, and help shape our worship life together. *Thanks to our 5th Grade Class for serving today!*

The Immanuel congregation extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Norma Sexe** who passed away on September 20. A Celebration of Life service was held at Immanuel on Thursday. Please keep the Swanson and Sexe families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Gabriella Wakefield and Nicholas Butler who were married at Immanuel yesterday!

Here at Immanuel we offer a **First Communion class** for all 5th graders! Our First Communion Lesson Night will be Wed., Sept. 30th from 6:15-7:15 p.m. We will serve our normal pizza meal at 5:45, parents are invited to join us for dinner and encouraged to attend the communion class with your child! *Please RSVP to Pastor Allison if you plan to attend the meal.* We will then celebrate all First Communion students on Sunday, October 4th during our morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Our **quilters** meet this Thursday from 9am to noon in the Social Hall! Join us for a morning of fellowship and fun! You're invited to bring a treat to share for our coffee break.

Our pastors, staff, and LCMC delegates will travel to Des Moines for this year's **LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention** (Oct 4 - 7), hosted by Lutheran Church of Hope. It will be a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and gathering fresh ideas to bless our church and community.

 Love IN ACTION. Hope IN EVERY DIAPER.

DIAPER DRIVE

Every baby
deserves a
clean, dry
diaper.

HELP US FILL THE NEED!

 This October, Immanuel Lutheran Church is collecting **DIAPERS** to support families in our community through our Church Outreach Ministry.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

BRING DIAPERS – ANY SIZE

Every package can make a difference for a family in need.

Small gift.
**BIG
IMPACT.**

ONE PACKAGE
CAN MAKE
A BIG DIFFERENCE.

When families are struggling, a package of diapers can provide comfort, dignity, and relief.

DROP-OFF

Immanuel Lutheran Church
604 Lafayette
Story City, IA 50248

Thank you for helping us
care for families in our community!

LET'S COME TOGETHER
AS A CHURCH AND MEET
A REAL NEED IN
OUR COMMUNITY.



BRING
DIAPERS.



GIVE
HOPE.



MAKE AN
IMPACT.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

ANNUAL MEETING



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
AFTER WORSHIP



POTLUCK

Served afterwards
by the Deacons



**ALL CHURCH MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND AND VOTE.**

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- Election of Council, Committee Members and Delegates
- Ministry Highlights
- Missions Commitment
- Endowment Fund Updates
- Pastoral Compensation for the Next Year



ANNUAL REPORT

SUBMISSIONS
(including reports and pictures) are due to the church office by
OCTOBER 4TH.



Save the date for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 18 after worship!

Items on the agenda:

- election of council, committee members and delegates
- ministry highlights
- missions commitment
- endowment fund updates
- pastoral compensation for the next year

All church members are encouraged to attend and vote!

If you have a report, article, or pictures to submit for the annual meeting or the annual report, please turn those items in to the church office by October 4th.

The Deacons will be hosting a meal after the meeting. On the menu: saucy Southerners, baked beans and coleslaw. Drinks provided. **All members are invited to bring a dessert or treat to share!**

Any articles, pictures, or other newsletter submissions for our **WINTER Quarterly Newsletter** (November - December - January) are due to the church office by October 15th.

Sponsor any worship bulletin in honor or in memory of someone - perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, or special remembrances. Sponsorship is \$20 and helps us offset our printing and paper expenses. Contact the church office to schedule your sponsorship!

As we approach the end of our fiscal year on September 30, our **General Fund** giving is below our approved budget. To ensure our ministries continue without interruption, please consider making a special end-of-year gift by September 30. Every gift helps us enter the new fiscal year on solid ground! Thank you.

Give a secure financial gift to Immanuel online!

You can give via a debit or credit card, Venmo, Google Pay, or directly from your bank. Please contact the church office if you have questions about your giving!



SERMON NOTES

Have something to share

WITH THE IMMANUEL CHURCH COMMUNITY?



All bulletin, worship and/or
weekly email announcements are



DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

BY 10 A.M.

on Thursday mornings

for inclusion in our church communications.



Contact Milianna in the church office with questions.



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building strong relationships in Christ
and making Him known to all.*

For more **church and community announcements**,
subscribe to our weekly emails (contact the church office!)
and grab a copy of our Fall Quarterly Newsletter on the
slatwall (or see a digital copy on our website).

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME TEAM

*5th Graders - Branch Whipple, Wyatt Lelis, Hyla Hill,
Anthony Christian, Parker Mullenbach*

READERS

Branch Whipple, Hyla Hill

TECH TEAM

Craig & Nancy Sargent

ACOLYTE

Hyla Hill

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Tyler & Halli Oberender Family

COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Cathy Braathun

Contact Milianna Carlson with questions or if you need assistance using
Sign-up Genius.



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Church Office Hours:

Mondays - Thursdays: 9 A.M. - Noon
Fridays by appointment only

Sunday Schedule

8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST

(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

8:30 A.M. EDUCATION HOUR

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

LIVE STREAM

10:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP (SOCIAL HALL)



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